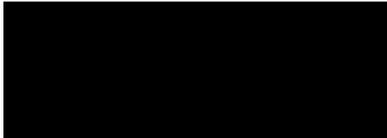




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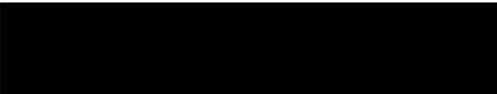
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Date: SEP 18 2007

IN RE:

Obligor:

Bonded Alien:



IMMIGRATION BOND:

Bond Conditioned for the Delivery of an Alien under Section 103 of the  
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1103

ON BEHALF OF OBLIGOR: Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The delivery bond in this matter was declared breached by the Director, Headquarters, Bonds, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The record indicates that on March 28, 2001, the obligor posted a \$1,500 bond conditioned for the delivery of the above referenced alien. A Notice to Deliver Alien (Form I-340) dated February 26, 2007, was sent to the obligor via certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice demanded the bonded alien's surrender into the custody of ICE at 10:00 a.m. within five days of March 16, 2007, at the nearest ICE, Detention and Removal Office. The obligor failed to present the alien, and the alien failed to appear as required. On April 11, 2007, the director informed the obligor that the delivery bond had been breached.

The appeal has been filed by the bonded alien. Only an affected party, a person or entity with legal standing may file an appeal of an unfavorable decision. The alien is without standing in this proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B).

An immigration bond is a contract between ICE and the obligor. The obligor or her attorney-in-fact is the proper party to appeal the ICE decision to breach the bond. *See Matter of Insurance Company of North America*, 17 I&N Dec. 251 (Act. Reg. Comm. 1978).

The regulations provide that an appeal filed by a person or entity not entitled to file it must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee ICE has accepted will not be refunded. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(I).

Assuming, arguendo, the appeal had been filed by the obligor, it still would be rejected as the appeal was untimely filed. The record indicates that the director issued the Notice-Immigration Bond Breached on April 11, 2007, and properly gave notice to the obligor that she had 33 days to file the appeal. Although the appeal was dated May 2, 2007, it was received by ICE on May 15, 2007, 34 days after the decision was issued.

In order to properly file an appeal, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i) provides that the affected party must file the complete appeal within 30 days after service of the unfavorable decision. If the decision was mailed, the appeal must be filed within 33 days. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b). The date of filing is not the date of mailing, but the date of actual receipt. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i).

As the appeal was improperly filed, the appeal must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.